R&D Rubber Chemist – Material Platform Development

Your tasks

Rubber compounding at ContiTech allows us to create distinctive products for our original equipment customers for electric, hybrid, and conventional cars. This plays a pivotal role in the automotive industry’s shift towards greater sustainability.

Our rubber chemists form an integral part of the Material Development Group and are members of the global R&D organization. They collaborate with our suppliers to develop premium rubber compounds and sustainable products for the automotive industry, working alongside Application Engineering, Product and Process Development, and Testing teams.

Our rubber chemists are deeply involved in the customer-centric development process within the Business Area of Original Equipment Solutions. They participate in our customer programs from the initial request for quotation through to the serial phase.

Serving as internal consultants on all material-related matters, our chemists also interact with and provide necessary support to customers. Their analytical skills are frequently sought after for structured problem-solving.

Your tasks will focus on the following activities:

- Material ownership
- Evaluation & approval of new raw materials
- Physical and Chemical material testing with laboratory
- Development and approval of materials for our customers (rubber, reinforcements, adhesives)
- Change management of serial materials
- Specifications for internal and external suppliers
- Prototyping & serial introduction
- Collaboration with other departments like Process & Product Development
- Cost reduction initiatives
- Sustainability

Your profile

- Bachelor/ academic degree in Rubber/Polymer technology, Chemistry, Materials engineering or similar
- Minimum 3 years’ experience in development of rubber/plastic or similar
- English language, working experience with other cultural regions
- Rigorous, analytical skills, autonomy, good interpersonal skills, diplomacy, open-mindedness & communication skills

Job ID
REF50216T

Location
Auburn

Leadership level
Leading Self

Job flexibility
Hybrid Job

Legal Entity
ContiTech USA, Inc.
- Willingness to travel (10%)
- This position is part of the One ContiTech reorganization. ContiTech employees will be given preference in the candidate selection.

**Our offer**

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The ContiTech group sector develops and manufactures, for example, cross-material, environmentally friendly and intelligent products and systems for the automotive industry, railway engineering, mining, agriculture and other key industries. Guided by the vision of “smart and sustainable solutions beyond rubber,” the group sector draws on its long-standing knowledge of the industry and materials to open up new business opportunities by combining various materials with electronic components and individual services.